

There are so many things wrong with this proposed legislation...

First of all, lawmakers should not be catering to the whims of the big money corporations and neglecting the rights of the people.

The proposed mandatory copy protected hardware that is proposed by this bill will cause a number of problems. I'm not very good at putting my thoughts into words, so bear with me here.

First of all, it's going to make a lot of existing hardware obsolete. People should not have to re-purchase hardware that they just bought just because the big money corps want it that way. In addition, something like this could hurt the adoption of new technology in the future, because people would then be reluctant to "get into" something new, for fear that similar legislation might be passed making their new hardware obsolete.

Also, legislation like this will stifle new technology innovation. By removing the user's control of the content, you are limiting any new innovations that users may come up with. If the user cannot use the content as they see fit, there will never be any innovation that wasn't thought of by the creators of the legislation. This may be what the proponents of the bill want, but that seems pretty short-sighted, as we have no way of knowing what innovations we'd miss out on...

Finally, this simply will not work. Nothing is completely secure. It is an impossibility. A few months to a year after "all" hardware has this copy protection built in, somebody will undoubtedly come out with a box that can go in between your tv and recording device, which will simply ignore this flag. The result of all that will just end up being more legislation, and a bunch of wasted time and resources on the ensuing court cases. Basically, this is an exercise in futility. But I suppose proponents would say that just because we can't doesn't mean we shouldn't try, and to that I just cite my earlier concerns. Those are much more important issues.

I'm sure I've only scratched the surface here, but I wanted to at least say something, since this issue so greatly concerns me.